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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR IN

CONTEXT MEDIATING COMMON CHANNEL SIGNALING MESSAGES

BETWEEN NETWORKS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to Examination, please amend the above referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph appearing at page 1, lines 4-20 of the specification. A marked-up version of the changes made is attached.

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This application is a continuation-in-part application of Serial No. 09/609,033, METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR IN CONTEXT MEDIATING COMMON CHANNEL SIGNALING MESSAGES BETWEEN NETWORKS, filed June 30, 2000 and is related to application Serial No. Serial No. 09/607,930, filed June 30, 2000 and entitled METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR AUTHENTICATING CONTROL MESSAGES IN A SIGNALING NETWORK and to the continuation-in-part thereof, Serial Number 09/767,292 of the same title, filed January 18, 2001; to application Serial No. 09/606,684,